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The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—" I would like to see what the report of the committee is before I take any action."

Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR :—" May I ask the hon. Member in charge whether he would take steps to expedite the report, seeing that it is about four years or so since the committee was appointed ? "

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS :—" Since this answer was prepared and sent in, there has been a meeting of the committee and steps have been taken to expedite the getting of the information which the Council required in the resolution that was passed."

Village Establishments.

Religion, caste, etc., of village officers in Mangalore taluk.

* 311 Q.—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to place before this House a statement showing religion, caste and sub-caste of the various village officers (potails and shanbogues) in the Mangalore taluk of South Kanara and state—

(a) whether any particular community has a preponderance over others in the holding of village officers' appointments in that taluk ;

(b) whether it is a fact that on account of such preponderance, weaker communities suffer from their highhandedness and tyranny ; and

(c) whether Government propose to take any steps in order to counteract such predominance ?

A.—The Government are not aware of any useful purpose that would be served by compiling such a statement and therefore regret they are unable to comply with the request.

(a), (b) & (c) The Government have no information on the points referred to in these clauses of the question.

Bench Courts.

Alleged treatment of Mr. N. Subrahmanya Ayyar, B.A., President of the Second-class Bench Court, Tanjore.

* 312 Q.—Rao Sahib U. RAMA RAO : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether, when Mr. N. Subrahmanya Ayyar, B.A., was President of the Second-class Bench Court, Tanjore, he complained to the District Magistrate that the Subdivisional Magistrate Mr. T. N. Chokkalinga Mudaliyar was transferring cases from his file without (i) calling for remarks in the first instance, (ii) without recording reasons for the transfer, and (iii) at an advanced stage of the trial, thereby lowering the prestige of his Court ; and

(b) whether it is a fact that the District Magistrate sent for the President and asked him to resign his appointment as President on the ground of illhealth, and that if he did not do so he would remove him from the President's place ?

A.—The Government have no information. A report has been called for.